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1. When I was in Stockholm [REDACTED] I visited various plants in the area and saw a number of Czech automatic screw machines manufactured by Skoda. They appeared to be copies of earlier US designs, and were good machines but not modern.
2. [REDACTED] these Czech machines had been coming into Sweden in fair quantities up until the end of 1951 when West German production, particularly that of Index, began to offer serious competition both as to price and quality. As a result, the import of Czech machine tools has been decreasing during 1952. An additional factor probably contributing to this situation is the greater accessibility of spare parts in West Germany.

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